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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-referenced application. Therefore, no fee is required for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

The item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in a Communication by the European Patent Office on September 28, 2007 in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the European Patent Office Communication and cited reference are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

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